

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Brownfield at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Alderperson Mike Brownfield and Alderperson Dave Dingledine

Also Present: City Engineer Dennis Carr, Mayor Gary Manier, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, City Attorney Derek Schryer, City Administrator Jim Snider, Alderperson Lili Stevens, Deputy City Clerk Lisa Anderson

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1. Non-member Aldermen Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: Alderperson Stevens shared that just because an item is budgeted, doesn't mean we have to do it. She thinks that business item number 4 should be a Committee of the Whole discussion and that all council members should weigh in.

2. Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item:

Kevin Beale, a resident of Felker's subdivision spoke in reference to the ditch grading contract on the agenda. He shared that he and a neighbor's house are near an affected drain. Mr. Beale said there is too much water flowing to the same spot. He said cleaning of the ditches should not be done before addressing the flow problems because ditch cleaning would make the flow at his drain worse. He stated that he and his neighbor's basements have flooded and there are potential safety risks. He mentions that there won't be as much room for people to park on the streets which are 17-18ft wide and that there are already issues with garbage trucks getting through. He notes that similar streets in Sunnyland are 22ft wide. Mr. Beale adds that the plan to drain Linden a different direction is a bigger issue. He's questioning the logic of the study and feels that what is occurring doesn't match what is being said. Mr. Beale shared that he placed a request in July 2020 to Kevin Schone, Public Works Director to inquire about the issue, express concern about digging culverts and the rate of flow. Mr. Beale reinforced that digging will create more flow and is a safety issue.

3. Approval of Minutes from July 5, 2022, Meeting: Motion to approve made by Alderperson Dingledine, seconded by Chairman Brownfield. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Ditch Grading Contract

Most of the City streets have curb and gutter. However, there are a few subdivisions in town where there is not curb and gutter and the roadways have ditch sections to convey the storm water. These ditch sections often are not maintained and silt in or are filled in over time. When the drainage in these sections isn't taken care of, water often times sits on the edge of pavement or in the ditches themselves. Most edge of pavement issues are caused by the lack of proper drainage. The areas in town that do not have curb and gutter are the Felkers Area, Beverly Manor, South Annex, southeast Kern, South Street, Adams Street and Nofsinger. One such area where ditches have not been maintained is the Felkers area in town. Most of these ditch lines and culverts have partially been filled in over time. City Staff had budgeted for a ditch grading project last fiscal year in the Felkers Addition to re-establish the ditches to allow for drainage in the subdivision. This project was not completed and was re-budgeted for this year. Staff would like to move forward with preparing some bid documents for ditch grading in the Felkers addition.

Comments: Alderperson Dingledine expressed that ditch grading is maintenance that can't be prevented. He asked if the contour would impact the roadway or offsite roadway. City Engineer Carr responded that a bigger problem would be people driving that way and estimated the ditches to be 12" to 18". He added that culverts act as miniature dams to each driveway and are around 8". Chairman Brownfield inquired where we are getting water during rains and Mr. Carr responded adding that there has been water in basements. Alderperson Dingledine reinforced that this is a maintenance issue. He said the plan is to help with the flow and to do so properly we will probably have to grade the ditch both ways for contour and flow. He mentioned looking at replacing all the culverts in that area. He said these are fixes outside of putting in a storm sewer system, which

would be very expensive. Mr. Dingledine added that the city is attempting to make the flow a little better and not trying to create problem.

Chairman Brownfield motioned to discuss ditch grading at a Committee of the Whole meeting, which was seconded by Alderperson Dingledine. Motion carried by voice vote.

STAFF UPDATES:

- Work on Cummings should wrap up next week.
- Annual inspections of basins are currently taking place. Kern stormwater. Next, the public works staff will come up with list of valves needing realigned. They will also be compiling a list of hydrants to paint.
- Reaching out to Western Star to see if they have chassis prices, which will be provided at the September meeting.
- Working on a bid packet for the wastewater treatment plant demolition. Will have bid results for the September meeting.
- Smoke testing is 80% complete. Remaining area is east of Lawndale. Then, plan to switch over to storm sewer.
- Cullinan has completed chip sealing. Next, sweeping will take place and then fog coating. Pressure paving scheduled for August 15 has shifted to August 22 due to weather.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Chairman Brownfield, seconded by Alderperson Dingledine. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.